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John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council Meeting Scheduled

PENDLETON--A meeting of the John Day/Snake Resource Advisory Council (RAC) will be held on Thursday, February 27, 2003 in Pendleton, Oregon. This federally chartered citizens' group advises Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service managers on issues affecting the John Day River Basin and a portion of the lower Snake River Basin.

The meeting agenda includes discussions on the upcoming National RAC Chairs' meeting with BLM Director Kathleen Clarke, RAC progress reports, an update on the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project, the new Grazing Rule, the Blue Mountain Land Exchange, the new Planning Rule, the Wallowa County Watershed Analysis/Upper Joseph, land management planning updates and subcommittee reports.

An opportunity for public comment is scheduled at 1:00 p.m. The Council will also accept written comments.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact the Prineville BLM office at the phone number listed below.

The meeting will start at 8:00 am in the Towne Meeting Room #1 at the Oxford Suites, 2400 SW Court Place, in Pendleton, Oregon. For further information contact Virginia Gibbons at (541) 416-6700, Prineville Bureau of Land Management, 3050 NE Third Street, Prineville, OR 97754.